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Date 3/23/76

By informative note 3/20/76, you were advised of the anticipated coup in Argentina on 3/23/76. (~~S~~)

The attached from Legat, Buenos Aires states the Argentine Army has developed information through an electronic surveillance that Argentine President Estella Peron has told intimate friends that she intends to commit suicide with a pistol she keeps in her possession should the military stage a coup and attempt to detain her. (~~S~~)

The Argentine military will reportedly take measures to immobolize Peron at the time of the coup in order to preclude her suicide. (~~S~~)

Data in the attached has been disseminated by teletype to State Department, CIA, DIA, and Deputy Attorney General, Analysis and Evaluation Unit.

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ON MARCH 22, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS A KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S)

DURING THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS RUMORS OF AN IMPENDING MILITARY COUP HAVE WIDELY CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. THE AAIS HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION THROUGH ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE THAT ARGENTINE PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON'S REACTION TO THESE RUMORS HAS BEEN TO TELL SEVERAL OF HER CONFIDANTS AND INTIMATE FRIENDS THAT, SHOULD THE MILITARY STAGE A COUP AND APPROACH HER IN ORDER TO DETAIN HER, SHE INTENDS TO COMMIT SUICIDE UTILIZING A PISTOL WHICH SHE CARRIES ON HER PERSON AT ALL TIMES. THE PRESIDENT ADVISED THAT BY HER COMMITING SUICIDE THE MILITARY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ACCUSED OF HAVING ASSASSINATED HER AND SHE WOULD BECOME A MARTYR TO THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE AND ATTAIN A (S)

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STATURE EQUAL TO EVA DUARTE DE PERON, JUAN DOMINGO PERON'S SECOND WIFE, WHO, SUBSEQUENT TO HER DEATH, HAS BECOME AN IDOL TO THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE.(S)

THE AAIS, BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND OTHER AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE, BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT PERON IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT HER STATEMENT THAT SHE WOULD COMMIT SUICIDE IN THE EVENT OF A MILITARY COUP AND FOR THIS REASON, THE MILITARY WILL BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL IN CARRYING OUT THE COUP TO INSURE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS IMMEDIATELY IMMOBILIZED AND NOT ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE WEAPON WHICH SHE CARRIES ON HER PERSON.(S)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, AAIS.] (S)

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